1	SENATE BILL NO. 450
2	INTRODUCED BY J. KEANE
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO SCHOLARSHIP
5	PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF A
6	SURCHARGE ON OFFENSES INVOLVING UNLAWFUL PURCHASE OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL OR
7	TOBACCO BY MINORS AND DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS; AMENDING
8	SECTIONS 45-5-624, 45-5-637, 61-8-410, 61-8-714, 61-8-722, AND 61-8-731, MCA; REPEALING SECTION
9	20-26-601, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."
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11	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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13	NEW SECTION. Section 1. Alcohol and tobacco scholarships criteria distribution. (1) There
14	is an alcohol and tobacco scholarship program to be administered under the provisions of this part and to be
15	awarded annually by the board at the discretion of the board. A scholarship may not be awarded to an individual
16	who has been convicted of an offense under 45-5-624, 45-5-637, 61-8-410, 61-8-714, 61-8-722, or 61-8-731.
17	(2) Individuals awarded scholarships must be:
18	(a) residents of the state of Montana who are graduating from high school in the spring of the award year;
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20	(b) accepted to attend a school within the Montana university system.
21	(3) Awards must be based on financial need and merit, with an emphasis on financial need. All
22	scholarships awarded must be equal to each other in amount.
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24	NEW SECTION. Section 2. Alcohol and tobacco scholarship account. (1) There is an alcohol and
25	tobacco scholarship account within the state special revenue fund provided for in 17-2-102. Money in the account
26	must be used for the purposes of [section 1].
27	(2) All money received from the educational surcharge collected under 45-5-624, 45-5-637, 61-8-410,
28	61-8-714, 61-8-722, and 61-8-731 must be deposited in the account. Money in the account may not revert to the
29	general fund at the close of any fiscal year. Interest and earnings on the account must be credited to the account.
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Section 3. Section 45-5-624, MCA, is amended to read:

"45-5-624. Unlawful attempt to purchase or possession of intoxicating substance -- interference with sentence or court order -- scholarship surcharge. (1) A person under 21 years of age commits the offense of possession of an intoxicating substance if the person knowingly consumes or has in the person's possession an intoxicating substance. A person may not be arrested for or charged with the offense solely because the person was at a place where other persons were possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages. A person does not commit the offense if the person consumes or gains possession of an alcoholic beverage because it was lawfully supplied to the person under 16-6-305 or when in the course of employment it is necessary to possess alcoholic beverages.

- (2) (a) In addition to any disposition by the youth court under 41-5-1512, a person under 18 years of age who is convicted under this section:
 - (i) for the first offense, shall be fined an amount not less than \$100 and not to exceed \$300 and:
- (A) shall be ordered to perform 20 hours of community service;
- (B) shall be ordered, and the person's parent or parents or guardian shall be ordered, to complete and pay all costs of participation in a community-based substance abuse information course that meets the requirements of subsection (9), if one is available; and
- (C) if the person has a driver's license, must have the license confiscated by the court for 30 days, except as provided in subsection (2)(b);
 - (ii) for a second offense, shall be fined an amount not less than \$200 and not to exceed \$600 and:
 - (A) shall be ordered to perform 40 hours of community service;
- (B) shall be ordered, and the person's parent or parents or guardian shall be ordered, to complete and pay all costs of participation in a community-based substance abuse information course that meets the requirements of subsection (9), if one is available;
- (C) if the person has a driver's license, must have the license confiscated by the court for 6 months, except as provided in subsection (2)(b); and
- (D) shall be required to complete a chemical dependency assessment and treatment, if recommended, as provided in subsection (8):
 - (iii) for a third or subsequent offense, shall be fined an amount not less than \$300 or more than \$900, shall be ordered to perform 60 hours of community service, shall be ordered, and the person's parent or parents or guardian shall be ordered, to complete and pay all costs of participation in a community-based substance

1 abuse information course that meets the requirements of subsection (9), if one is available, and shall be required

- 2 to complete a chemical dependency assessment and treatment, if recommended, as provided in subsection (8).
- 3 If the person has a driver's license, the court shall confiscate the license for 6 months, except as provided in
- 4 subsection (2)(b).

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- (b) If the convicted person fails to complete the community-based substance abuse course and has a
 driver's license, the court shall order the license suspended for 3 months for a first offense, 9 months for a second
 offense, and 12 months for a third or subsequent offense.
- 8 (c) The court shall retain jurisdiction for up to 1 year to order suspension of a license under subsection 9 (2)(b).
 - (3) A person 18 years of age or older who is convicted of the offense of possession of an intoxicating substance:
- 12 (a) for a first offense:
- 13 (i) shall be fined an amount not less than \$100 or more than \$300;
- 14 (ii) shall be ordered to perform 20 hours of community service; and
- (iii) shall be ordered to complete and pay all costs of participation in a community-based substance abuseinformation course that meets the requirements of subsection (9):
- 17 (b) for a second offense:
- 18 (i) shall be fined an amount not less than \$200 or more than \$600;
- 19 (ii) shall be ordered to perform 40 hours of community service; and
 - (iii) shall be ordered to complete and pay for an alcohol information course at an alcohol treatment program that meets the requirements of subsection (9), which may, in the court's discretion and upon recommendation of a licensed addiction counselor, include alcohol or drug treatment, or both;
 - (c) for a third or subsequent offense:
 - (i) shall be fined an amount not less than \$300 or more than \$900;
- 25 (ii) shall be ordered to perform 60 hours of community service;
 - (iii) shall be ordered to complete and pay for an alcohol information course at an alcohol treatment program that meets the requirements of subsection (9), which may, in the sentencing court's discretion and upon recommendation of a licensed addiction counselor, include alcohol or drug treatment, or both; and
 - (iv) in the discretion of the court, shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 6 months.
 - (4) A person under 21 years of age commits the offense of attempt to purchase an intoxicating substance



if the person knowingly attempts to purchase an alcoholic beverage. A person convicted of attempt to purchase 2 an intoxicating substance shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$150 if the person was under 21 years of age at the time that the offense was committed and may be ordered to perform community service.

- (5) A defendant who fails to comply with a sentence and is under 21 years of age and was under 18 years of age when the defendant failed to comply must be transferred to the youth court. If proceedings for failure to comply with a sentence are held in the youth court, the offender must be treated as an alleged youth in need of intervention as defined in 41-5-103. The youth court may enter its judgment under 41-5-1512.
- (6) A person commits the offense of interference with a sentence or court order if the person purposely or knowingly causes a child or ward to fail to comply with a sentence imposed under this section or a youth court disposition order for a youth found to have violated this section and upon conviction shall be fined \$100 or imprisoned in the county jail for 10 days, or both.
- (7) A conviction or youth court adjudication under this section must be reported by the court to the department of public health and human services if treatment is ordered under subsection (8).
- (8) (a) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offense of possession of an intoxicating substance shall be ordered to complete a chemical dependency assessment.
- (b) The assessment must be completed at a treatment program that meets the requirements of subsection (9) and must be conducted by a licensed addiction counselor. The person may attend a program of the person's choice as long as a licensed addiction counselor provides the services. If able, the person shall pay the cost of the assessment and any resulting treatment.
- (c) The assessment must describe the person's level of abuse or dependency, if any, and contain a recommendation as to the appropriate level of treatment if treatment is indicated. A person who disagrees with the initial assessment may, at the person's expense, obtain a second assessment provided by a licensed addiction counselor or program that meets the requirements of subsection (9).
- (d) The treatment provided must be at a level appropriate to the person's alcohol or drug problem, or both, if any, as determined by a licensed addiction counselor pursuant to diagnosis and patient placement rules adopted by the department of public health and human services. Upon the determination, the court shall order the appropriate level of treatment, if any. If more than one counselor makes a determination, the court shall order an appropriate level of treatment based upon the determination of one of the counselors.
- (e) Each counselor providing treatment shall, at the commencement of the course of treatment, notify the court that the person has been enrolled in a chemical dependency treatment program. If the person fails to



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1 attend the treatment program, the counselor shall notify the court of the failure.

(f) The court shall report to the department of public health and human services the name of any person who is convicted under this section. The department of public health and human services shall maintain a list of those persons who have been convicted under this section. This list must be made available upon request to peace officers and to any court.

- (9) (a) A community-based substance abuse information course required under subsection (2)(a)(i)(B), (2)(a)(ii)(B), (2)(a)(iii), or (3)(a)(iii) must be:
- (i) approved by the department of public health and human services under 53-24-208 or by a court or provided under a contract with the department of corrections; or
- (ii) provided by a hospital licensed under Title 50, chapter 5, part 2, that provides chemical dependency services and that is accredited by the joint commission on accreditation of healthcare organizations to provide chemical dependency services.
- (b) An alcohol information course required under subsection (3)(b)(iii) or (3)(c)(iii) must be provided at an alcohol treatment program:
- (i) approved by the department of public health and human services under 53-24-208 or by a court or provided under a contract with the department of corrections; or
- (ii) provided by a hospital licensed under Title 50, chapter 5, part 2, that provides chemical dependency services and that is accredited by the joint commission on accreditation of healthcare organizations to provide chemical dependency services.
- (c) A chemical dependency assessment required under subsection (8) must be completed at a treatment program:
- (i) approved by the department of public health and human services under 53-24-208 or by a court or provided under a contract with the department of corrections; or
- (ii) provided by a hospital licensed under Title 50, chapter 5, part 2, that provides chemical dependency services and that is accredited by the joint commission on accreditation of healthcare organizations to provide chemical dependency services.
- (10) Information provided or statements made by a person under 21 years of age to a health care provider or law enforcement personnel regarding an alleged offense against that person under Title 45, chapter 5, part 5, may not be used in a prosecution of that person under this section. This subsection's protection also extends to a person who helps the victim obtain medical or other assistance or report the offense to law



1 enforcement personnel.

(11) In addition to any other penalty imposed under this section, a court shall impose on each person convicted under this section a surcharge of not less than \$10 or more than \$50. If the court determines that the person is unable to pay the surcharge, the court may waive payment of the surcharge. The surcharge imposed by this subsection is not a fee or fine and must be imposed in addition to other taxable court costs, fees, or fines. The amounts collected under this subsection must be forwarded to the department of revenue for deposit in the account established in [section 2]. (See compiler's comments for contingent termination of certain text.)"

- **Section 4.** Section 45-5-637, MCA, is amended to read:
- "45-5-637. Tobacco possession or consumption by persons under 18 years of age prohibited -unlawful attempt to purchase -- penalties -- scholarship surcharge. (1) A person under 18 years of age who
 knowingly possesses or consumes a tobacco product, as defined in 16-11-302, commits the offense of
 possession or consumption of a tobacco product.
 - (2) A person convicted of possession or consumption of a tobacco product:
- (a) shall be fined \$50 for a first offense, no less than \$75 or more than \$100 for a second offense, and no less than \$100 or more than \$250 for a third or subsequent offense; or
- (b) may be adjudicated on a petition alleging the person to be a youth in need of intervention under the provisions of the Montana Youth Court Act provided for in Title 41, chapter 5.
- (3) A person convicted of possession or consumption of a tobacco product may also be required to perform community service or to attend a tobacco cessation program.
- (4) A person under 18 years of age commits the offense of attempt to purchase a tobacco product if the person knowingly attempts to purchase a tobacco product, as defined in 16-11-302. A person convicted of attempt to purchase a tobacco product:
 - (a) for a first offense, shall be fined \$50 and may be ordered to perform community service;
- (b) for a second or subsequent offense, shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$100 and may be ordered to perform community service.
- (5) The fines collected under subsections (2) and (4) must be deposited to the credit of the general fund of the local government that employs the arresting officer, or if the arresting officer is an officer of the highway patrol, the fines must be credited to the county general fund in the county in which the arrest was made.
 - (6) In addition to any other penalty imposed under this section, a court shall impose on each person



1 convicted under this section a surcharge of not less than \$10 or more than \$50. If the court determines that the

- 2 person is unable to pay the surcharge, the court may waive payment of the surcharge. The surcharge imposed
- 3 by this subsection is not a fee or fine and must be imposed in addition to other taxable court costs, fees, or fines.
- 4 The amounts collected under this subsection must be forwarded to the department of revenue for deposit in the
- 5 account established in [section 2]."

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- **Section 5.** Section 61-8-410, MCA, is amended to read:
- "61-8-410. Operation of vehicle by person under twenty-one with alcohol concentration of 0.02 or more -- scholarship surcharge. (1) It is unlawful for a person under the age of 21 years of age who has an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or more to drive or be in actual physical control of a vehicle upon ways of this state open to the public. Absolute liability, as provided for in 45-2-104, is imposed for a violation of this section.
- (2) Upon a first conviction under this section, a person shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500.
- (3) Upon a second conviction under this section, a person shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$500 and, if the person is 18 years of age or older, by incarceration for not more than 10 days.
- (4) Upon a third or subsequent conviction under this section, a person shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$300 or more than \$500 and, if the person is 18 years of age or older, by incarceration for not less than 24 consecutive hours or more than 60 days.
 - (5) In addition to the punishment provided in this section, regardless of disposition:
- (a) the person shall comply with the chemical dependency education course and chemical dependency treatment provisions in 61-8-732 as ordered by the court; and
- (b) the department shall suspend the person's driver's license for 90 days upon the first conviction, 6 months upon the second conviction, and 1 year upon the third or subsequent conviction. A restricted or probationary driver's license may not be issued during the suspension period until the person has paid a license reinstatement fee in accordance with 61-2-107 and, if the person was under the age of 18 years of age at the time of the offense, has completed at least 30 days of the suspension period.
 - (6) A conviction under this section may not be counted as a prior conviction under 61-8-401 or 61-8-406.
- (7) In addition to any other penalty imposed under this section, a court shall impose on each person convicted under this section a surcharge of not less than \$25 or more than \$100. If the court determines that the person is unable to pay the surcharge, the court may waive payment of the surcharge. The surcharge imposed



1 by this subsection is not a fee or fine and must be imposed in addition to other taxable court costs, fees, or fines.

2 The amounts collected under this subsection must be forwarded to the department of revenue for deposit in the

account established in [section 2]."

Section 6. Section 61-8-714, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-8-714. Penalty for driving under influence of alcohol or drugs -- first through third offense -- scholarship surcharge. (1) Except as provided in subsection (4), a person convicted of a violation of 61-8-401 shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 24 consecutive hours or more than 6 months and by a fine of not less than \$300 or more than \$1,000, except that if one or more passengers under 16 years of age were in the vehicle at the time of the offense, the person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 48 consecutive hours or more than 12 months and by a fine of not less than \$600 or more than \$2,000. The initial 24 hours of the imprisonment term must be served and may not be served under home arrest. The mandatory imprisonment sentence may not be suspended unless the judge finds that the imposition of the imprisonment sentence will pose a risk to the person's physical or mental well-being. Except for the initial 24 hours of the imprisonment term, notwithstanding 46-18-201(2), the imprisonment sentence may be suspended for a period of up to 1 year pending successful completion of court-ordered chemical dependency assessment, education, or treatment by the person.

- (2) Except as provided in subsection (4), on a second conviction, the person shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$600 or more than \$1,000 and by imprisonment for not less than 7 days or more than 6 months, except that if one or more passengers under 16 years of age were in the vehicle at the time of the offense, the person shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,200 or more than \$2,000 and by imprisonment for not less than 14 days or more than 12 months. At least 48 hours of the imprisonment term must be served and served consecutively and may not be served under home arrest. The imposition or execution of the first 5 days of the imprisonment sentence may not be suspended. Except for the initial 5 days of the imprisonment term, notwithstanding 46-18-201(2), the imprisonment sentence may be suspended for a period of up to 1 year pending successful completion of a chemical dependency treatment program by the person.
- (3) Except as provided in subsection (4), on the third conviction, the person shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of not less than 30 days or more than 1 year and by a fine of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000, except that if one or more passengers under 16 years of age were in the vehicle at the time of the offense, the person shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of not less than 60 days or more than

12 months and by a fine of not less than \$2,000 or more than \$10,000. At least 48 hours of the imprisonment term must be served and served consecutively and may not be served under home arrest. The imposition or execution of the first 10 days of the imprisonment sentence may not be suspended. The remainder of the imprisonment sentence may be suspended for a period of up to 1 year pending successful completion of a chemical dependency treatment program by the person.

- (4) If the person has a prior conviction under 45-5-106, the person shall be punished as provided in 61-8-731 for a fourth or subsequent offense of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs or with an excessive alcohol concentration.
- (5) In addition to any other penalty imposed under this section, a court shall impose on each person sentenced under this section a surcharge of not less than \$25 or more than \$100. If the court determines that the person is unable to pay the surcharge, the court may waive payment of the surcharge. The surcharge imposed by this subsection is not a fee or fine and must be imposed in addition to other taxable court costs, fees, or fines. The amounts collected under this subsection must be forwarded to the department of revenue for deposit in the account established in [section 2]."

Section 7. Section 61-8-722, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-8-722. Penalty for driving with excessive alcohol concentration -- first through third offense -- scholarship surcharge. (1) Except as provided in subsection (4), a person convicted of a violation of 61-8-406 shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 10 days and by a fine of not less than \$300 or more than \$1,000, except that if one or more passengers under 16 years of age were in the vehicle at the time of the offense, the person shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 20 days and by a fine of not less than \$600 or more than \$2,000.

- (2) Except as provided in subsection (4), on a second conviction of a violation of 61-8-406, the person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 5 days, to be served in the county jail and not on home arrest, or more than 30 days and by a fine of not less than \$600 or more than \$1,000, except that if one or more passengers under 16 years of age were in the vehicle at the time of the offense, the person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 10 days, which may not be served on home arrest, or more than 60 days and by a fine of not less than \$1,200 or more than \$2,000. The imposition or execution of the first 5 days of the imprisonment sentence may not be suspended.
 - (3) Except as provided in subsection (4), on a third conviction of a violation of 61-8-406, the person shall



be punished by imprisonment for not less than 10 days, to be served in the county jail and not on home arrest, or more than 6 months and by a fine of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000, except that if one or more passengers under 16 years of age were in the vehicle at the time of the offense, the person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 20 days, which may not be served on home arrest, or more than 12 months and by a fine of not less than \$2,000 or more than \$10,000. The imposition or execution of the first 10 days of the imprisonment sentence may not be suspended.

- (4) If the person has a prior conviction under 45-5-106, the person shall be punished as provided in 61-8-731 for a fourth or subsequent offense of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs or with an excessive alcohol concentration.
- (5) In addition to any other penalty imposed under this section, a court shall impose on each person sentenced under this section a surcharge of not less than \$25 or more than \$100. If the court determines that the person is unable to pay the surcharge, the court may waive payment of the surcharge. The surcharge imposed by this subsection is not a fee or fine and must be imposed in addition to other taxable court costs, fees, or fines. The amounts collected under this subsection must be forwarded to the department of revenue for deposit in the account established in [section 2]."

Section 8. Section 61-8-731, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-8-731. Driving under influence of alcohol or drugs -- driving with excessive alcohol concentration -- penalty for fourth or subsequent offense -- scholarship surcharge. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3), if a person is convicted of a violation of 61-8-401 or 61-8-406 and the person has either a single conviction under 45-5-106 or any combination of three or more prior convictions under 45-5-104, 45-5-205, 61-8-401, or 61-8-406 and the offense under 45-5-104 occurred while the person was operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a dangerous drug, any other drug, or any combination of the three, as provided in 61-8-401(1), the person is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by:

- (a) sentencing the person to the department of corrections for placement in an appropriate correctional facility or program for a term of 13 months. The court shall order that if the person successfully completes a residential alcohol treatment program operated or approved by the department of corrections, the remainder of the 13-month sentence must be served on probation. The imposition or execution of the 13-month sentence may not be deferred or suspended, and the person is not eligible for parole.
 - (b) sentencing the person to either the department of corrections or the Montana state prison or Montana



women's prison for a term of not more than 5 years, all of which must be suspended, to run consecutively to the term imposed under subsection (1)(a); and

- (c) a fine in an amount of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$10,000.
- (2) The department of corrections may place an offender sentenced under subsection (1)(a) in a residential alcohol treatment program operated or approved by the department of corrections or in a state prison.
- (3) If a person is convicted of a violation of 61-8-401 or 61-8-406, the person has either a single conviction under 45-5-106 or any combination of four or more prior convictions under 45-5-104, 45-5-205, 61-8-401, or 61-8-406 and the offense under 45-5-104 occurred while the person was operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a dangerous drug, any other drug, or any combination of the three, as provided in 61-8-401(1), and the person was, upon a prior conviction, placed in a residential alcohol treatment program under subsection (2), whether or not the person successfully completed the program, the person shall be sentenced to the department of corrections for a term of not less than 13 months or more than 5 years or be fined an amount of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$10,000, or both.
 - (4) The court shall, as a condition of probation, order:
- (a) that the person abide by the standard conditions of probation promulgated by the department of corrections;
- (b) a person who is financially able to pay the costs of imprisonment, probation, and alcohol treatment under this section;
 - (c) that the person may not frequent an establishment where alcoholic beverages are served;
 - (d) that the person may not consume alcoholic beverages;
 - (e) that the person may not operate a motor vehicle unless authorized by the person's probation officer;
- (f) that the person enter in and remain in an aftercare treatment program for the entirety of the probationary period;
 - (g) that the person submit to random or routine drug and alcohol testing; and
- (h) that if the person is permitted to operate a motor vehicle, the vehicle be equipped with an ignition interlock system.
- (5) The sentencing judge may impose upon the defendant any other reasonable restrictions or conditions during the period of probation. Reasonable restrictions or conditions may include but are not limited to:
- (a) payment of a fine as provided in 46-18-231;
- (b) payment of costs as provided in 46-18-232 and 46-18-233;



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1 (c) payment of costs of assigned counsel as provided in 46-8-113; 2 (d) community service; 3 (e) any other reasonable restrictions or conditions considered necessary for rehabilitation or for the 4 protection of society; or 5 (f) any combination of the restrictions or conditions listed in subsections (5)(a) through (5)(e). 6 (6) Following initial placement of a defendant in a treatment facility under subsection (2), the department 7 of corrections may, at its discretion, place the offender in another facility or program. 8 (7) The provisions of 46-18-203, 46-23-1001 through 46-23-1005, 46-23-1011 through 46-23-1014, and 9 46-23-1031 apply to persons sentenced under this section. 10 (8) In addition to any other penalty imposed under this section, a court shall impose on each person 11 sentenced under this section a surcharge of not less than \$25 or more than \$100. If the court determines that the 12 person is unable to pay the surcharge, the court may waive payment of the surcharge. The surcharge imposed 13 by this subsection is not a fee or fine and must be imposed in addition to other taxable court costs, fees, or fines. 14 The amounts collected under this subsection must be forwarded to the department of revenue for deposit in the 15 account established in [section 2]." 16 17 NEW SECTION. Section 9. Repealer. Section 20-26-601, MCA, is repealed. 18 19 NEW SECTION. Section 10. Codification instruction. [Sections 1 and 2] are intended to be codified

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<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Section 11. Effective dates.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), [this act] is effective July 1, 2009.

as an integral part of Title 20, chapter 26, part 6, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 26, part 6, apply to

(2) [Section 1] is effective July 1, 2010.

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[sections 1 and 2].